

**CITY OF HAYWARD
SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 10, 2026
MINUTES**

Mayor Gillis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Present: Mayor Gillis, Ald. Disher, Ald. Hand, Ald. Hill, Ald. Hofer, Ald. Kreyer, Ald. Lang, Ald. Miller, Ald. Williamson

Others Present: Attorney Kelsey, Director McCue, Chief Savitski, Clerk Poppe, Lenora Ludzack, James Netz, Candi Weber, Mark Johns, Tim Anderson, James Nicks, Ljubica Iseini, Celia Hoirns

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

James Netz, James Netz Photography – Request to block-off a couple parking stalls on 2nd Street on Thursday, August 13th to host a ladies wine night

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Williamson, to approve James Netz's, James Netz Photography, request to block off two parking stalls on 2nd Street (2nd & 3rd stalls from the ally) from 3:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 13th to host a ladies night out event. Motion carried.

James Netz and Lenora Ludzack then presented the mayor with a framed print of a bald eagle to hang in the council chambers next to the US flag.

Hayward Veterans Center – Request to close Main Street in front of the Veterans Center on Saturday, August 29th to stage the start of a motorcycle ride

Ald. Hofer made a motion, seconded by Ald. Disher, to approve the Hayward Veterans Center's request to close Main Street in front of the Veterans Center on Saturday, August 29th for the finish of the first annual "Boots on the Ground Run" motorcycle ride fundraising event. Motion carried.

Ehlers – Agreement for financial analysis of Hill Construction LLC's proposed TID 5 Project

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Lang, to approve and to authorize Mayor Gillis to sign the agreement for financial analysis of Hill Construction LLC's proposed TID 5 Project as submitted by Ehlers for an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried.

Ald. Hand made a motion, seconded by Ald. Hill, to approve the following:

1. **Minutes:** Public Works of 07/13; Finance of 07/13; and Regular Council of 07/13
2. **From Police & Fire of 08/10:**
 - A. The resignation of Assistant Police Chief Jake Anderson effective August 15th; Anderson has accepted a position with the Bayfield County Sheriff's Department.
 - B. The School Resource Officer Agreement with the Hayward Community School District for the 2026-27 school year as presented.
 - C. The sale of the 2020 Durango; listing the vehicle for sale on Surplus Auction; Chief Savitski to set the low bid at an amount he deems fitting.
 - D. Removing the "No Parking" signs on Main Street in front of the Primary School.
3. **From Public Works of 08/10:**
 - A. Cemetery Mowing – Tom Shuman is no longer able to mow the cemetery and will not be able to finish the 2026 mowing season. Director McCue stated that the public works department will finish the 2026 mowing season. Bids will be requested for the 2027 mowing season.
 - B. The hiring of the Sawyer County Highway Department to crack seal for one day at a cost of approximately \$7,000; 5th Street, Johnson Street, and other streets as time allows.
 - C. Payment to MacQueen Equipment in the amount of \$35,606.86 for repairs made to the vac truck.
 - D. The hiring of an additional public works laborer will be addressed at budget time.

4. From Finance of 08/10:

- A. The payment of City General Fund Checks numbered 39334 through 39407; Water & Sewer Fund Checks numbered 12735 through 12757; and the July account transfers.

5. The issuance of an operator license (Regular: June 30, 2027) to: Kristopher A Peterson, Betsy K Bradshaw, Ashley M Haugen, Jessica M Biscobing, Selena J Thunder, Randque J Norman, Jake J Gabriel, Destiny A Hulquist, Joy L Taylor, Jillayne M Buchmann, Sierra J Wiswell, Terry A Kline, Brenda L Jerome, Katie R Bisonette

Roll Call Vote: Ald. Disher - yes, Ald. Hand - yes, Ald. Hill - yes, Ald. Hofer - yes, Ald. Kreyer - yes, Ald. Lang - yes, Ald. Miller - yes, Ald. Williamson – yes. Motion carried. Ayes (8), Nays (0).

Clerk's Report

The Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce has applied for temporary alcohol beverage licenses for a Business After 5 event to be held on August 27th; and for the Fall Festival event to be held on September 26th.

Public Comments

Mark Johns addressed the council regarding the poor condition of Greenwood Cemetery. Tim Anderson, Hayward Bait, addressed the council regarding the lack of communication by the city, extended time delays, lack of access, and loss of revenue regarding the Railroad Street Reconstruction Project. James Nicks, Infinity Tattoo, addressed the council regarding lack of access and loss of revenue during the Railroad Reconstruction Project.

Executive Session

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Hand, to go into executive session per §19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved. Roll Call Vote: Ald. Disher - yes, Ald. Hand - yes, Ald. Hill - yes, Ald. Hofer - yes, Ald. Kreyer - yes, Ald. Lang - yes, Ald. Miller - yes, Ald. Williamson – yes. Motion carried. Ayes (8), Nays (0).

Action from Executive Session

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Hill, to withhold payment to A-1 Construction for Application No. 4 for the Railroad Street Reconstruction project pending further consultation with legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: Ald. Disher - yes, Ald. Hand - yes, Ald. Hill - yes, Ald. Hofer - yes, Ald. Kreyer - yes, Ald. Lang - yes, Ald. Miller - yes, Ald. Williamson – yes. Motion carried. Ayes (8), Nays (0).

Adjournment

Ald. Lang made a motion, seconded by Ald. Williamson, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

*Gary Gillis, Mayor

*Lisa Poppe, City Clerk-Treasurer